

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. It's more  
important that we  
see real people from  
our own communities  
and more substantive  
news about issues  
that matter.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
significant review  
of each station's  
standards and  
practices.

In addition,  
Sinclair is crossing  
the line of legality  
in airing partisan  
material so close to  
an election and  
without providing a  
forum for rebuttal  
by the opposing  
party.

Thank you.